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MEMORANDUM FOR: STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE IAC
ACTION: NAVY, ARMY, STATE, AIR FORCE
INFORMATION: JIG, AEC, FBI

SUBJECT: Proposed Permanent Committee on Soviet
Capabilities and Intentions, "Jackpot"
Committee

REFERENCES: (a) Memorandum to CIA from General Bolling,
20 January 1950
(b) Memorandum from CIA to ID/GEUSA,
15 February 1950

ENCLOSURE: Proposed Interagency Operating Procedure,
3 March 1950

1. With reference to discussions on the above subject and to paragraph 9 of reference (b), there is enclosed a draft of a proposed Interagency Operating Procedure based on the statements in reference (b).

2. Kindly let COAPS have the comments of the participating agencies at an early date, before this proposal is circulated for more formal agreement.

3. Another proposal will soon reach you about the Patch Committee as mentioned in reference (b).

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and Policy Staff

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PROPOSED INTERAGENCY OPERATING PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: Permanent Committee on Soviet Capabilities and Intentions

AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN THIS AGREEMENT: Central Intelligence Agency
Department of State
Department of the Army
Department of the Navy
Department of the Air Force

1. A permanent interagency intelligence committee (hereinafter referred to as the JACKPOT Committee) is hereby established for the purpose of facilitating the production and maintenance by the Central Intelligence Agency of comprehensive coordinated estimates of Soviet capabilities and intentions. To this end, the JACKPOT Committee is expected:

a. to provide a mechanism whereby the most capable analysts of the Departments of State, Army, Navy and Air Force collaborate with those of the Central Intelligence Agency in consideration of all factors bearing on Soviet capabilities and intentions, against the broadest possible regional and global background, and

b. to ensure that the fullest intelligence resources of the participating agencies are effectively marshalled in support of the production and maintenance of such estimates.

2. The Central Intelligence Agency, through the mechanism of the JACKPOT Committee, shall undertake the production of comprehensive coordinated national intelligence estimates of Soviet capabilities and

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intentions on a regular semi-annual basis, or more frequently if required.

3. Each of the agencies represented on the JACKPOT Committee is considered responsible for the production of intelligence bearing on this subject in its fields of dominant interest as set forth in National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 3, and for providing such intelligence to the Central Intelligence Agency Chairman for use in the preparation of the comprehensive coordinated national intelligence estimates referred to above.

4. The JACKPOT Committee shall work in accordance with established directives, shall act under the Chairmanship of the Central Intelligence Agency, and shall comprise:

Chairman, Central Intelligence Agency
Member, Department of State
Member, Department of the Army
Member, Department of the Navy
Member, Department of the Air Force

5. The JACKPOT Committee shall, in the first instance, establish its methods of procedure.

6. The JACKPOT Committee shall conduct regularly scheduled meetings. Attendance at JACKPOT Committee meetings shall be regarded as having priority over any other duty assigned to JACKPOT Committee members. In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, special meetings and emergency meetings shall be called by the Chairman on his own initiative, or on the request of any member, whenever the situation warrants such action.

7. Each member of the JACKPOT Committee shall be selected on the basis of his being a thoroughly competent analyst for the above stated

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purposes. He shall in each case have access to the highest level of intelligence authority in his agency and shall be assured access to all relevant intelligence material, including that of the highest classifications, in order that he may function with fullest confidence in representing his agency's views on the Committee.

8. The JACKPOT Committee shall be responsible for:

a. Collaborative review of new evidence bearing on Soviet capabilities and intentions.

b. Formulating requirements for the production of new estimates and the revision of existing estimates on Soviet capabilities and intentions.

c. Making appropriate allocations of production responsibilities among participating agencies for departmental contributions to the Central Intelligence Agency for the production of coordinated national intelligence estimates of Soviet capabilities and intentions.

9. Specific responsibilities of the members of the JACKPOT Committee shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, those set forth below:

a. The Central Intelligence Agency Chairman shall:

(1) Convene the JACKPOT Committee as the need arises, or when requested by any member.

(2) Initiate action leading to the production or revision of its estimates.

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(3) Be responsible for production of comprehensive estimates of Soviet capabilities and intentions.

b. Each Departmental Member of the JACKPOT Committee shall:

(1) Be responsible for the production of departmental contributions to comprehensive estimates of Soviet capabilities and intentions, and for their transmittal to the Chairman.

(2) Be responsible for the coordination of finished drafts of such estimates within his department, and for obtaining departmental statements of concurrence or dissent.

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